

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

What It Means to Irishmen and Why It Is Celebrated in Every Country Over Which God's Sun Glorious and Effulgent Sun Sheds Its Rays and Irish Hearts Are Beating.

Story in Epitome of the Life and Works of the Apostle of Erin and His Legacy of Faith to the Valorous Sons and Pure Daughters of Hibernia and Their Meritorious Deeds.

Year after year the question is asked: "Why do the Irish celebrate St. Patrick's day?" In replying one must needs tell who St. Patrick was and something about his labors, labors that have influenced the Irish race from the fifth to the twentieth century, and the Irish race has influenced great matters in every country under the sun. England, Wales, Scotland, equally with Ireland and France, claim St. Patrick as their son. The generally accepted life of the apostle of Ireland says he was born in France. That his father was an officer in the Roman army and that his mother was a saintly daughter of France and a sister of St. Martin of Tours, is also generally conceded. The year of his birth has been fixed at 387 A. D.

Historians tell us that in 403 A. D. the war-like inhabitants of Ireland made a descent upon the coast of Brittany, France, and carried away a number of young men and made them slaves. Among them was a youth of sixteen years. He was called Succat, which means brave in battle. When the marauders arrived in Ireland Succat was sold to Milcho, a chieftain, who took him to Antrim and employed him as a shepherd. During his six years of bondage the lad was devoted to prayer and meditation. The principal scene of St. Patrick's devotion was the solitary mountain Slieve Donard, where he spent his days in prayer and meditation. It is said to have been written by himself shortly before his death. In this Succat, who later became St. Patrick, describes his life in bondage as follows:

"After I had come to Ireland I tended cattle continually and prayed many times in the day, and more and more increased within me the love of God and the fear of Him, and my faith waxed strong; so that in one day I would offer up a hundred prayers, and also in the night time, and I would even remain in the woods, and on the mountain, and before the night rouse myself to prayer. I did this in snow, frost and rain and I took no hurt, nor had I any slothfulness because, as I now see, the Spirit was then fervent within me. After six years of bondage St. Patrick fled from his master, made his way to the southwestern coast of Ireland, found a French vessel and returned to his home. But there was no peace for the young man. He resolved to preach Christianity to the Irish people and for many years devoted himself to prayer and study in preparation for the great work he planned. The edifice of his life was built on the rock of St. Patrick's day, that he ventured to embark upon his mission. He had the approval of Pope Celestine, who recognized his many gifts and who, upon

consecrating him Bishop, named him Patricius, or father of the people. This was afterward shortened to Gaelic to Patrick.

St. Patrick and a few chosen disciples effected a landing on the coast of Wicklow, but were driven back to the ship by the pagan natives. Next he sailed northward and entered a bay in what is now County Down. The feudal chief of the district hastened to attack the strangers as pirates, but he was so attracted by the stately bearing of St. Patrick that he listened to his preaching and with all his family was baptized. Later St. Patrick established a church and monastery in the same place, and it continued to be his favorite retreat during his labors in Ireland.

When St. Patrick landed in Ireland the monarch or Ard Righ was King Leary. Learning that King Leary was about to celebrate a great pagan feast at Tara, St. Patrick resolved to go and preach there at all hazards. On the eve of Easter Sunday, 433 A. D., the day appointed for the festival, St. Patrick raised his tent on the north bank of the River Boyne and kindled a fire before it. It was contrary to the law of the times for anyone to light a fire at the time of this festival until the sacred fire on Tara hill had first indicated the opening of the solemnities. St. Patrick's fire shone afar and was soon seen by the court and nobles at Tara. All were astonished and the Druids, or pagan priests, assumed King Leary that unless the fire was speedily extinguished the man who had kindled it and his successors would rule Ireland forever. King Leary at once sent an armed force to bring the culprit to Tara, but no noble and pleasing was the aspect of the stranger that the King and nobles heard him preach. It was on this occasion that St. Patrick so successfully used the shamrock growing at his feet to teach the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. From this incident the shamrock became associated with St. Patrick and raised into a national emblem. On that Easter eve many of the nobles and ladies of the court embraced Christianity. The pagan superstition of Ireland never recovered from the blow it received that day at Tara. King Leary alone held out against him and never embraced Christianity, although his wife, children and brother were among the first converts. In Ulster Connacht and Munster St. Patrick met with continuous successes. His main enemies were the Druids and these he refuted and routed whenever they appeared.

In 455 A. D., after being in Ireland twenty-three years, the saint established himself at Armagh, and on that hill founded a city and Cathedral with monasteries, schools and a library. The edifice of his life was built on the rock of St. Patrick's day, that he ventured to embark upon his mission. He had the approval of Pope Celestine, who recognized his many gifts and who, upon

Arrian Seresius with great success. On his return he landed near Dublin. The people flocked out to meet him and he baptized the chief and many others at a spring, which has since been called St. Patrick's well.

During his life in Ireland he settled the church solidly and appointed Bishops and priests in every section, well earning the title of Apostle of Ireland. The latter part of his life was spent in retirement and contemplation, sometimes at Armagh and sometimes at Saul. In the latter place, where he had founded the first of several hundred churches, he died on March 17, 461, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. His obsequies lasted through twelve successive days and nights, and were attended by multitudes of the clergy from all parts of Ireland. He was buried with national honors at Down, which has since been called Downpatrick. Some years later a handsome church was built over his remains.

An eloquent historian has written: "In investigating the cause of St. Patrick's unusual success we reduce it to a very simple principle—it was chiefly a matter of the heart. He loved God and he loved his fellow-men. He loved the Irish race over all mankind. His heart throbbled for the pagan Irish and he loved to give them that liberty which the gospel brings to the inner man. To go to Ireland as a missionary was the burning desire of his soul. To bring those pagans into the fold of Christ he left friends and relatives, who opposed his enterprise; he gave up comforts and ease to endure toil and hardships; he sought neither worldly dignity nor civil rank; indeed he gave up all material advantages when he became a missionary. The conversion of the pagan Irish, the honor of his Lord and Master and the glory of God were all he sought. All these he found, and there followed in his train honor and dignity and fame and a name that shall live while the annals of earth shall last."

The faith in Ireland did not die with St. Patrick. The day he kindled on Irish hills in 433 has since been the light of the world. Irish priests have brought the faith to every land. Irish soldiers have fought the battles of every nation. Irish patriots have fought for the oppressed the world over. Irish nuns have ministered to the sick, have instructed the ignorant, under every flag that floats. Here in the United States we see the influence of the Irish faith on all sides in churches, in legislative halls, in the building of railroads, commerce and all that has made this country great. The faith of St. Patrick has made our schools the best in the United States; it has made Irish homes, Irish fathers and mothers that nurture and produce patriots that have followed the Stars and Stripes from 1776 until the present. Every American ought to say in his heart, "God bless St. Patrick."

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Record of the Most Important of the Recent Events Cited From Exchanges.

Dr. William Leatham, a well known physician of Tyrone, died a few days ago.

A branch of the Gaelic League has been established at Carrickmacross, County Monaghan.

Richard Jubb, manager of the Provincial Bank at Enniskillen, died suddenly of heart disease.

James Canaghan, a resident of the city and County Donegal, is dead at the great age of 100 years.

Killarney Catholics are delighted with the magnificent cross erected on the new Cathedral of Kerry.

James Young has been elected Councillor for the Custom House ward in the city of Waterford.

Father Charles Flynn, of Killarney, has been transferred to the pastorate of the parish at Ballinamore, County Leitrim.

The old jail in County Cavan has been so long without inmates that it has been turned over to the County Council for hospital purposes.

In the County Cavan Mrs. Mary Moran is dead at the great age of 112 years. All her life was passed in the town of Killesno.

Thieves broke open the poor boxes in the church at Scramogue, County Roscommon, and got away with a few dollars in silver and copper.

Owing to the prevalence of the plague in China the town council of Mullingar, County Westmeath, has protested against the importation of Chinese pork.

Recent storms on the west and northern coasts of Ireland have been disastrous to the property of the fishermen, but no fatalities have been reported.

Enterprising manufacturers will find a fertile field in Ireland. The Galway Woollen Manufacturing Company has declared an annual dividend of 12 per cent.

John Hyland, a native and resident of the County Down, has retired from service as engineer of the Belfast and County Down railway after fifty-three years of active service.

There is great regret in Milltown, County Kerry, over the death of Sister Mary de Sales O'Connor, the oldest nun in the community. She had been a teacher for more than sixty years.

The people of Kells, County Meath, are striving to erect a town hall, and thus far \$200 has been collected. Half of this sum has been donated by the Very Rev. Father Michael Dooley.

Henry Lomas, who was attending school when the battle of Waterloo was fought, and who was in his prime in the night of the big wind in 1839, is dead in Belfast at the age of 101 years.

The Very Rev. Peter Dooley, of Galway city, will celebrate his golden sacerdotal jubilee this year, and the Galway Urban Council has called a mass meeting of the people to arrange for a suitable testimonial.

CARON'S NEW DIRECTORY.

The Louisville City Directory for 1911 has just come from the printer and binder and is now being distributed by its publishers, the Caron Directory Company. It is by long odds the best book ever gotten out by that company, and that is saying a great deal. Stephen B. Smith, general manager of the directory company, has long been a stickler

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BOOSTER CAMPAIGN.

Supreme President Gaudin, of the Catholic Knights of America, his able deputies are conducting a campaign for new members and to add 3,000 Knights to the roster before July 1. As an incentive to members to secure candidates the Supreme Council is offering gold buttons and scarf pins emblematic of the order. The only fee exacted from applicants is \$2.50. The Catholic Knights not only provide for the widows and children, but keep the Catholic Church a great deal. Stephen B. Smith, general manager of the directory company, has long been a stickler

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AVENUE THEATER.

"East Lynne," the old yet ever popular drama, will be the attraction at the Avenue next week. The Tuesday and Thursday matinees will be coupon affairs, and there will also be a matinee on Saturday. The company presenting "East Lynne" is said to be of first class ability.

TOM BARKER HOME.

Thomas A. Barker, attorney for the Louisville baseball club, and one of President Grayson's closest advisers, has returned from French Lick Springs, where he took a much needed rest. He is now in shape to help direct the Colonials and help them to victory.

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

Even Rutland, Vermont, had a Patrick's day parade.

Eighty-four new members were taken into the Milwaukee division last Sunday.

Division 2 of Lowell, Mass., during its forty-one years of usefulness has expended \$90,000 in sick and death benefits.

Division 32 of South Boston had two military companies completely uniformed in the St. Patrick's day celebration on Friday.

National President James J. Regan was tendered a reception by the Hibernians of Buffalo, N. Y., on Thursday night of last week.

This year's entertainment, to be given at Macauley's on Sunday night, will be the most artistic ever presented by the A. O. H. in this city.

The National Executive Board has pledged the support of the order for a memorial hall in commemoration of the golden sacerdotal jubilee of Cardinal Gibbons.

Monday night the members of Division 3 will meet at their hall at Nineteenth and Portland avenue, and it will be in the nature of a reunion and smoker.

Your attendance at a meeting of your division is not worth much to the division or the order unless you are arousing other members to interest in the work.

Every Louisville Hibernian should be at St. Patrick's church Sunday morning. Vicar General Cronin and the people of the parish will have a cordial welcome for all.

The Hibernians of Ashland celebrated March 17 with a grand ball at the Comus Club rooms. Badges of unique and handsome design were used in lieu of tickets.

Division 1 meets Tuesday night, and all members are urged to be present. The degree team will report the progress made and arrangements will be considered for the big initiation.

The Hibernians of Northwestern Ohio celebrated St. Patrick's day with a demonstration at Lima. The principal address at the evening's entertainment was delivered by Rev. Father D. J. O'Connell, of Cleveland.

The National Directors have received a report from a special committee regarding the four years' controversy with Congress as to the character and location of the proposed monument to Commodore Jack Barry. Congress has appropriated \$50,000 for the monument. It is planned to have it ready for unveiling in two years.

PRIEST FOUND DEAD.

Rev. Francis X. Brady, S. J., was found dead in his bed at Loyola College, Baltimore, on Monday. He was pastor of St. Ignace church in that city. Father Brady was an eloquent orator and renowned teacher. He was born in Conemaugh, Pa., fifty-four years ago.

LOTTO AND EUCURLE.

The people of St. Columba's parish will give a novelty euchre and lotto for the benefit of St. Columba's church, in the large dining hall at Fontaine Ferry Park on the afternoon and evening of Easter Monday, April 15. During the afternoon there will be special attractions for the children.

KEANEY'S NEW DRUG STORE.

Thomas J. Keaneey has opened a new and imposing cut rate drug store at First and Jefferson streets, the heart of the business district. Until a few weeks ago Mr. Keaneey carried on a profitable drug store at Sixth and Kentucky streets, but determined he had larger opportunities at First and Jefferson. There he has a large and splendid store, an up-to-date line of drugs and proprietary medicines, and is also carrying a fine line of wines and whiskey for medicinal use. Mr. Keaneey is not only an expert druggist and chemist himself, but he has secured the services of a full force of competent drug clerks. You can telephone four wants and messenger boys will supply you as soon as possible.

DEATH'S SECOND VISIT.

For the second time within a week death invaded the family of John McLaughlin, 720 South Twenty-second street, when Andrew McLaughlin passed away on Tuesday. The deceased was twenty-seven years old, three years the junior of his brother, Martin P. McLaughlin, who died on the previous Friday. The venerable father, John McLaughlin, for years an employee of the city; a brother, Joseph McLaughlin, and three sisters, Mrs. Nell Duffy, of St. Louis; Mrs. Maggie Newton, and Miss Maggie McLaughlin, survive him. The funeral took place from Sacred Heart church.

MOTION PICTURES.

Entirely new films are promised for the motion pictures at the Casino and Orpheum Theaters next week. People have been seen to these two popular play houses and the attendance is increasing each week. The line of films are always clean and instructive as well as amusing.

HOPKINS' THEATER.

The management of Hopkins' Theater will present an entirely new and interesting line of vaudeville acts in connection with its motion pictures next week. The management strives to give the people full value for the money and the theater deserves the patronage it enjoys.

ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANS.

Will Not Have Usual Feast On Patron Saint's Day.

It is customary each year to celebrate St. Joseph's day, March 19, with more than usual festivities at St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum. This year the program of the department is different because several children in the institution are suffering from measles. While there are no fears for the safety of the orphans, it was decided not to risk the spread of the disease among visitors. In place of the usual festivities the Rev. Father Bachman, resident chaplain, will officiate at solemn high mass on Sunday morning.

At the latest meeting of the St. Joseph's Orphan Society Ben J. Geber was elected Corresponding Secretary, and it was decided to change the monthly meetings from the first Tuesday to the first Wednesday in each month.

STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY.

There is to be no such reorganization of the Louisville Post-office as has recently taken place in Indianapolis, Cincinnati and other neighboring cities. The reason is that experts of the postal service have found that the efficiency of the Louisville office is of the highest standard. This efficiency is due in a large measure to the energy and ability of Lewis O'Donnell, the Superintendent of Mails. Mr. O'Donnell has been in the service more than twenty years and has served in every branch of the department. Mr. O'Donnell is proud of his Irish name and lineage. The only change in Louisville is the abandonment of Sunday delivery at the Post-office. For this the department at Washington is to be commended. There are few who can not do without their mail on Sunday.

SIXTY-NINTH CELEBRATES.

The famous Sixty-ninth Regiment of New York celebrates St. Patrick's day with a full dress review and evening parade in its armory on Friday evening. The annual ball followed the review.